

## HOW LA FOLLETTE MADE FOLKS' BANK DEPOSITS SAFE AND INSURANCE CHEAP IN WISCONSIN

The insurance and banking laws of Wisconsin under the La Follette regime have been made over. What has this man, so widely advertised until recently as "dangerous" done?

One of the first things he did was to provide for efficiency in the state government by a civil service law which placed all appointive state officers on a merit system with competitive examinations.

Other states have similar laws, but the Wisconsin law is the real thing. It even goes so far as to put the employees of the legislature under civil service. Before this law was passed, it cost Wisconsin \$433 a day to run the legislature—\$433 of political pap. The insurgents threw it all away for the sake of good government in accordance with Governor La Follette's recommendations.

In six years the civil service commission has examined 12,000 people. It audits annually accounts to the amount of \$1,000,000. The average daily expense of 26 state legislatures last winter was \$463.34. Kansas bleeds to the tune of \$586 a day. What's left of Oregon's legislature costs

\$685 daily. Mr. Hines' legislature in Illinois cost the state \$891.47 per diem—(what it cost Hines is problematical). Minnesota pays for her legislature \$564 and Iowa for hers \$718 a day. Maryland expends \$1,365 a day for the Maryland brand of laws.

Wisconsin, with her civil service law, gets the Wisconsin kind



of legislation at an expense of only \$299.56 a day. The watchword is **Efficiency**.

In Wisconsin national banks fail sometimes, they say, but state banks never. La Follette's regime has placed on the statute books of Wisconsin by amendment and new enactment laws establishing a banking commission and providing for bank in-